

TSN ITDS Committee

Announcing the Formation of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) National Lacey Act Service (Lacey Act) Working Group

Attention, Brokers, Importers, and Software Developers: the International Trade Data System (ITDS) Committee of the Trade Support Network (TSN) needs your input and participation in our new **Lacey Act Working Group**.

Working Group Purpose

The purpose of the Lacey Act Import Working Group will be to ensure that all stakeholder groups are invited to participate in a discussion of the technical requirements that will be necessary for U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to participate in the ITDS/ACE system. The working group will consist of members of the trade whose businesses are regulated by the APHIS Lacey Act Program, trade software developers who support the business processes, as well as representatives from the Lacey Act Program and from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) team developing the ITDS software system – the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). The transition to ACE will result in changes to the way Lacey Act, CBP, and the members of the trade who import these items, do business. Your involvement is needed to ensure that the proposed changes continue to support efficient trade while at the same time the Lacey Act Program complies with the ITDS requirements of the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act (SAFE Port Act).

Lacey Act's Role/Responsibilities

The Lacey Act Program is responsible for the regulation and monitoring of the import and export of various plant products to assure compliance with international measures established through US law and international treaties and conventions that govern the harvest and sustainability of plant resources globally. The primary import monitoring program of Lacey Act is the Lacey Act Declaration. This program monitors and regulates the following products and includes mandatory reporting requirements for imports.

Ch. 44 Headings

- 4401— (Fuel wood)
- 4402— (Wood charcoal)
- 4403— (Wood in the rough)
- 4404— (Hoopwood; poles, piles, stakes)
- 4406— (Railway or tramway sleepers)

- 4407— (Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise)
- 4408— (Sheets for veneering)
- 4409— (Wood continuously shaped)
- 4412— (Plywood, veneered panels) -Except 44129906 and 44129957
- 4414— (Wooden frames)
- 4417— (Tools, tool handles, broom handles)
- 4418— (Builders' joinery and carpentry of wood)
- 4419— (Tableware & kitchenware of wood)
- 4420— (Wood marquetry, caskets, statuettes) ²
- 4421— (Other articles of wood)

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- 6602—(Walking sticks, whips, crops)

Ch. 82 Headings

- 8201—(Hand tools)

Ch. 92 Headings

- 9201—(Pianos)
- 9202—(Other stringed instruments)

Ch. 93 Headings

- 9302—(Revolvers and pistols)
- 93051020—(Parts and accessories for revolvers and pistols)

Ch. 94 Headings

- 940169—(Seats with wood frames)

Ch. 95 Headings

- 950420—(Articles and accessories for billiards)

Ch. 97 Headings

- 9703—(Sculptures) 421— (Other articles of wood)

A detailed and specific list of the above products by program is detailed per the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) and can also be viewed on the TTVP web page at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/importexport?urlile=wcm%3apath%3a%2Faphis_content_library%2Fsa_our_focus%2Fsa_plant_health%2Fsa_import%2Fsa_lacey_act%2Fct_lacey_act.

The Lacey Act requires importers to file specific documents and information pertaining to the product harvest and processing with US Customs to assure compliance with US regulations and international agreements.

Working Group Task

The ACE system will replace the ACS system, and it will require that Lacey Act specific data be submitted electronically via the Partner Government Agency (PGA) Message Set APHIS has worked with CBP to identify the specific data elements that will need to be submitted by import filers, as well as the format and content of those data elements, in order to successfully transact business in ACE to comply with the ITDS “single window.” Through a series of conference calls, the Lacey Act Working Group will review the PGA Message Set guidance, as well as the impacts that the transition to ACE will have on Lacey Act’s importation business processes.

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